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SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER' S UNOFFICIAL VISIT
TO ROMANIA

1. LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER GASTON THORN PAID AN " UNOFFICIAL VISIT" TO ROMANIA, APRIL 16-21. VISIT INCLUDED, HOWEVER, A CALL ON CEAUSESCU APRIL 20 DURING WHICH PROBLEMS OF BILATERAL NATURE AND " INTERNATIONAL LIFE" WERE DISCUSSED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BELGIAN AND DUTCH AMBASSADORS THAT THORN ALSO HAD A MEETING WITH DEPUTY FONMIN GLIGA, BUT THAT AS FAR AS THEY WERE AWARE, THORN HAD NOT COME TO ROMANIA ON BEHALF OF EC COUNCIL ON A MISSION CONNECTED WITH GOR REQUEST FOR EC GENERALIZED PREFERENCES. THEY SAID THAT THORN HAD COME TO ROMANIA ON HOLIDAY, TAKING UP INVITATION EXTENDED BY ROMANIAN HOSTS DURING THORN' S OFFICIAL VISIT IN DECEMBER 1971 TO RETURN AND SEE SOMETHING MORE OF COUNTRY. THORN HAD
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ACCORDINGLY TOURED MOLDAVIAN MONASTERIES, AND THEY BELIEVED CALL ON CEAUSESCU HAD BEEN QUITE INCIDENTAL TO PURPOSE OF TRIP.

3. ACCORDING TO A FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE, HOWEVER, THORN VISIT DID ALSO HAVE PURPOSE OF SETTING FORTH ALTERNATIVE WAYS IN WHICH ROMANIANS COULD MAKE FORMAL APPLICATION TO EC FOR GENERALIZED PREFERENCES IN ORDER MINIMIZE POTENTIAL GOR DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIETS, AS WILL AS TO DISCUSS TIME- TABLE FOR EC ACTION ON ROMANIAN REQUEST. ON LATTER POINT, SOURCE SAID ROMANIANS WILL HAVE TO WAIT SIX MONTHS, I. E., UNTIL OCTOBER EC COUNCIL SESSION.

4. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR (RESPONSIBLE FOR EC ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) AND DUTCH AMBASSADOR (RESPONSIBLE FOR EC POLITICAL AFFAIRS) DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THORN' S MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU. SINCE DETAILS OF VISIT APPARENTLY BEING HELD TIGHTLY HERE, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH ADDRESSEES MIGHT DEVELOP ON PURPOSE AND OUTCOME OF THORN VISIT.
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